

November 17, 1949

Pat Butler  
WCSR  
Smith College  
Northhampton,  
Massachusetts

Dear Pat,

Pardon the long delay in writing this preliminary letter. It would have been done long ago if going to college meant doing nothing but working at extra-curricular activities. Nevertheless...

I was sorry not to have seen you last weekend since it would <sup>have</sup> saved some of the questions which I'll have to ask you.

How much time should we be on the air? We've planned from seven until eleven -- with a Music 'Til Midnight if you stay on that long. Bill Terry told me that you said WCSR starts at five and you would only be having a fill until seven if we did not go on earlier. I really think that the later hour is better as it gives us a chance to familiarize ourselves with the set-up.

We will plan on bringing down our own records for the scripted shows. Any disc-jockey shows can probably -- rather, will have to be supplied by your library. The question I should have put at the first of the list -- is it Friday or Saturday night? We have been planning on Friday night, but there seems to be some question. Some of us will have to come back Friday night if that's it, but such is college.

We have scheduled a dramatic workshop which has a cast of three, one of which ~~ix~~ calls for an actress. Consequently, we would like to meet early in the afternoon with a girl who has had some dramatic experience. The title of the workshop production is "The Word" by Arch Oboler.

Do you have a piano in your studio that we might use for a "live" At the Keyboard? This is not in any way essential, for we have not scheduled such as yet, but it is a possibility.

Now, for a number of technical and miscellaneous questions.

Do you have at least two studios? **yes**

Do you have a cue system in your console? **yes** ~~no~~

Can your turntables do both 33 1/3 **yes** and 78, and can they take 18" discs? **yes**

Do you have a patch board or some system with a 500 ohm input-output so that we <sup>can</sup> schedule a tape-recorded program? **yes**

I guess that winds it up. I will not be able to give you any final word on how many are going down, how many would like dates, and how many rooms until I hear from you and we can be sure that programs we have scheduled will be able to be broadcast. If you are unable to get a reply off before Monday night, would you send it to P.O. Box #293, Portsmouth, N.H.? Speaking for all the WDBS staff, I am looking forward to the evening's broadcast at Smith.

Sincerely,

Louis de Rochemont III

Louis deRochemont III  
WDBS, Hanover, N.H.

5-6 p.m.  
7-11 p.m.

Tell them  
about music  
shop have to  
get names  
in early

Call Lois  
Mankie

yes

yes



would  
you get  
this off  
tonight!